

New Idea Fails To Win Big League Flags Switching Batters Against Southpaws Is Bad Dope Detroit Landed Pennants In Olden Times

By JOE S. JACKSON.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 13.—Back in 1907 Mr. Jennings, who still manages the Detroit ball club, took charge of the Tigers and started out to collect a few pennants. He wasn't given much consideration at first, because no one—not even the folks in the old home town—had suspected that his charges had a chance for first place. The season was well advanced before any of the managers noticed that the Tigers were sneaking up on them, and might be considered dangerous.

Then they looked the team over a little more carefully, with a view of setting it back where they thought it belonged. And they said, in chorus: "Ha, ha! a left hand hitting club! A little southpaw pitching and it will fade away."

Jennings is a hard headed and obstinate person. He refuses to believe that left hand hitters, if they are real hitters, have any excuse to offer for not landing on the delivery of hitters whose curve ball

breaks a way from them. He wouldn't shift, except once in awhile when a batter who was weak against any sort of pitching was up there, and a long fly or a hit would win or tie a ball game. And, by keeping his left hand hitters there, regardless of the amount of left hand pitching that they were called on to look at, he developed a lot of batters who simply smiled when they saw a southpaw warming up.

And if you don't think Detroit, in its pennant days was a left handed club, in the batting order, go back to the 1907 team. It had four outfielders, Crawford, Cobb, McIntyre and Jones, all of whom hit that way, and two of whom threw left handed. Rossman was on first base, and he was a left hand thrower and hitter. Schmidt did most of the catching, and some pinch hitting. And Schmidt also was a left hand batter. Only second, short and third had right hand hitters, and they were not figured on to do much sloughing.

The Southpaw Clan.
Schmidt caught 310 of the 415 games

that Detroit played in its three championship years. The outfielders were the same all during this period. Rossman was on the team for two seasons and for part of another.

Ed Killian, a left hand pitcher and hitter, was a regular starter all three seasons, and Slevier, another left hander, was a moundsman with the club in 1907 and 1908. If that wasn't a left hand hitting club, there never was one organized.

It got so that when Detroit played a four game series with any team, and didn't face southpaws twice in the set, Sam Johnson thought that the opposing manager was in with Jennings, and was trying to cheat. Thanks to Jennings, White and all the other first class porters were given vacations just before Detroit came along, to be ready for extra work. And the Tigers hit themselves to pennants just the same. It is well advised to say that they hit themselves there, because in no season did the team have more than two pitchers who were reliable. It won on batting and base running.

Milwaukee Man Would Start Home For Old Boxers Youngsters Also To Be Given Free Training Here

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 13.—H. L. Manion, a Milwaukee man who has always taken a great interest in the boxing game, is out with a proposition to create some sort of an endowment for boxers who have been in the game any length of time and also to establish a school for boxing, where young men could be given a regular course free of charge; in

other words it would be following in line with what Snowy Baker has inaugurated in Australia.

In that country boxing is part of the regular curriculum in the public schools and Mr. Baker has arranged for all promising youngsters to get their tuition free of charge, the agreement being to repay the person advancing the same when they become proficient enough to earn the money as an artist of the ring.

Mr. Manion would work along similar lines, only he is anxious to establish a fund for needy boxers. He has suggested a "boxers' day" during the year in various parts of the country, when each boxer, great or otherwise, may give his services gratis to the cause (the promoter likewise), the returns from such shows to be put in trust by a committee appointed to handle the same.

This money could be utilized to establish a home for the needy boxers. He also suggests that the boxers, during their career in the ring, pay a certain amount into a trust fund and in this way provide for the future.

He would also have the club—athletic and social—select the most promising young men in their membership every year, say two or three, and pay their way through a school of boxing, so they may have the benefit of proper teaching.

In this way they would learn the art of boxing correctly, starting with the first rudiments of the game, and not follow the haphazard style of most of the fighters of today—that of slugging any old way and cover up completely when pressed.

Mr. Manion's suggestion is all right, but it could better be worked out if the boxers and managers themselves would endeavor to help along an organization such as was started two years ago at Cleveland, the American Boxing Association. It is certainly worth the effort, but it would require a lot of advance work.

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Hollenbeck With Syracuse To Handle Team Another Year

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—"Big Bill" Hollenbeck has been retained for another football season by Syracuse university, and he has already prepared the foundation for his 1917 gridiron team. Joe Du Moe, who played good football all of last season at end for the big Orange team, has been elected captain, and reports from the up-State town say that the prospects for a winner next fall are bright.

Joe Du Moe comes from Ithaca, where Syracuse gets many of her stellar players. For four years Du Moe played high school football, and figured as a star. For the past two seasons he has been a member of the varsity at Syracuse, and he is considered one of the most potent factors in the building of a winning combination for the coming season.

Although Syracuse will not have

many of her first string men of this year when the season of 1917 opens, she will have plenty of substitute talent, and, according to report, some members of the freshmen team of 1916 will surprise followers of the Orange next fall.

White and Schlachter, the two big guards of the Hollenbeck machine, will not return to the lineup next fall, nor will Twig and Bourke, whom we saw during the season just closed was of a high class order.

Veterans who still have another year with the team are Meehan, Malone, M. Brown, E. Brown, Wright, Newberry, Plank, Lunn, Cobb, Gilmore and a few lesser lights.

Football critics in the east believe that Hollenbeck will turn out a winning combination if he is given the chance, and it is said that a reorganization of the team will help matters along, as harmony among some of the players this year was lacking.

Les Darcy Knows How To Call a Man's Bluff

By TOM ANDREWS.

LES DARCY, the Australian champion, may not be on to all the tricks of the profession in the states, but he did hand out a real "call down" to some managers while in Buffalo last week. It seems that Harry Greb, the Pittsburgh middle weight, had been pestering Lester for a match and his manager, Jimmy Mason, even went the limit of trying to force Darcy. At the same time Jeff Smith and his manager, Al Lippe, had been making life unpleasant by repeated challenges and claims of having knocked him out in Australia.

Darcy, however, called Greb to account in short order. He immediately offered to fight the Pittsburgher in a private room for \$1000 to be given to charity, with only newspaper writers and their managers present. This completely took the steam out of Greb and his manager and they could not get away from Darcy's cold proposition. It ended all arguments.

Darcy also offered to fight Smith under certain conditions, the money to go to charity, but the chances are that this program will be changed as regards Jeff, for now Darcy is willing to meet him before one of their clubs in the country—New York, Milwaukee or New Orleans.

According to Darcy's statements in Chicago, he will not tie up with any

other match until he has had his little set to with Al McCoy in New York, about March 5th.

There are other matches pending, such as Jack Dillon, George Chip, Jeff Smith and Mike Gibbons. There will be some harding over the Gibbons match without a doubt, for Mike will insist on a ten round affair first and later a regular championship battle over the marathon course, to settle the question of supremacy for all time.

Gibbons is in favor of Milwaukee for the big match, while Darcy may hold off for the Garden in New York, but if they do come together it is a good bet it will be over the ten round route first. There is no reason why Darcy should fear a ten round bout with Gibbons, for any man who can hold his own in a boxing way with Jimmy "Chabby" will not lack the skill in meeting the phantom Mike and besides, Darcy carries a wallop that will make the foxy Michael very careful.

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